## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For

STAGE ASSEMBLY AND METHOD FOR OPTICAL

MICROSCOPE INCLUDING Z-AXIS STAGE AND PIEZOELECTRIC ACTUATOR FOR RECTILINEAR TRANSLATION OF Z STAGE

Mail Stop AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Responsive to the Office action dated July 10, 2006, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification	Begin on page 2
Amendments to the Claims	Begin on page 4
Amendments to the Drawings	None
Remarks	Begin on page 9